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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated July 25, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 5. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 19 and 20. Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has already indicated that the subject-matter of claims 5 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. It is therefore submitted that claims 1 and 17, and all claims dependent thereon, should likewise be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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